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IN RE APPLICATION OF: So OHTA, et al.

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FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS CAPABLE OF DETERMINING TYPE OF RECORDING SHEET TO PREVENT SHEET JAM

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REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are available in prior application serial number 10/139,508, filed May 7, 2002, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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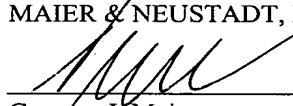
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